RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PORT OF MIAMI "DEEP DREDGE" PROJECT AND URGING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATE \$75 MILLION IN FEDERAL DOLLARS TO MATCH ALREADY COMMITTED LOCAL FUNDS, WITH THE FIRST 50 MILLION TO BE APPROVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2012.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah pledge their support for the Port of Miami Deep Dredge Project and endorse the application for \$75 million in federal matching funds, with the first \$50 million to be approved in fiscal year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Miami is the largest container port in Florida and is a vital contributor to the local, state, and national economy; and

WHEREAS, the Deep Dredge project, now in the planning and design stage, entails dredging the Port of Miami to 50 feet from its current 42-foot depth, which will coincide with the scheduled opening of the expanded Panama Canal in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Deep Dredge project would enable the Port of Miami to double its cargo business over the next 10 years and create more than 30,000 new, well-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project is estimated at \$180 million; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Miami must secure a \$75 million appropriation in the 2012 federal budget to match already committed local funds in order to keep the project on track.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida pledge their support for the Port of Miami Deep Dredge Project and endorse the application

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for \$75 million in federal matching funds, with the first 50 million to be approved in fiscal year 2012.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of August , 2010.

Carlos Hernandez Council President

Approved on the day of Agric , 2010.

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

William M. Gradkick City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Cue. Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez, and Yedra voting "Yes.